

Standing In The Gap

This ministry is for the sole purpose of reaching and touching people's lives with the love of Jesus Christ through acts of kindness. Matthew 6: 3 says, "But when you give to the needy (spiritually, physically, emotionally and financially), do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing". "Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to Your name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness." ~Psalm 115:1

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Dear Fellow Servant(s) of Christ:

There is a deep loneliness for human communication and touch not only throughout the world but it is right in front of our faces. Love your neighbor. Who is our neighbor? Our neighbor is the person who is with you at this moment.

Everywhere we go, people are crying out for the love of Christ that can be seen and felt by our kindness to them. Recently, we went to a home in the city and delivered a recliner one day and a bed another day to an elderly woman who has been going to dialysis for 17 years. Her voice is soft and her body is frail. She lives with her granddaughter, other family members and whoever else is "hanging around". When we were getting ready to leave, the granddaughter said, "We don't want you to just bring us things. Please just come and visit us!" When we are at the low-income apartments praying with the individuals, crying with them, sharing Jesus with them, doing projects with them (recently, decorating Christmas cookies and making Valentine cards), they always want to know when we are coming back. Is this how our Jesus feels? Can you hear his heart calling to you, "Please come and visit with me."

Bible Study ~ More women are attending bible study. This is the fruit of times when we have gone out into the streets to meet the needs of people. One of our bible teachers, Diana Stoessel, shares her heart. "It is the longing of my heart to encourage and uplift women who are struggling with the emotional wounds caused by past negative experiences, as well as poor and unwise decision making. Many women, and men as well, find themselves living in an endless cycle of guilt and regret, thus falling short of entering into the Rest that Jesus spoke of in Matthew 11:28: 'Come unto Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' It is not God's desire that we, His children, live a life gripped by fear, oppression, and/or depression, but that our lives would be a reflection of the freedom and forgiveness provided for us on the cross at Calvary. Remember, dear friends, that as Colossians 2:10 tells us, 'We are complete (to make whole, perfect, lacking in nothing) in Him, who is the head of all power and authority.' If we are to be whole, then we must allow the promises of God to resurrect the places in our hearts that have grown cold and come to Jesus for healing. He has offered us life. All we have to do is decide we want it."

We have a woman in New York State going through intense healing to set her free from alcoholism. There is a great calling on her life from Jesus Christ. This comes through our involvement with Restoring the Foundations involving the representatives from New York State. It is our desire for God to continue to bring us individuals who truly want to be born again, set free, to live for Jesus Christ, and then be sent out into the fields to help others be delivered.

You have influenced many lives with your monetary gifts of love through gas cards, grocery cards, money orders (when appropriate), etc. Nothing is ever given without the name of Jesus Christ being lifted high. We are reaching

individuals and families who “fall through the cracks” or just need to be encouraged and know they are not forgotten in their struggles.

So many single moms and widowed women are sick, have medical bills that can't be paid, have children with special needs, and they are depressed, oppressed, lonely, and frustrated. Some of them have ex's that won't support them. Some needed winter coats and clothing. Sometimes they don't even have the few dollars it takes to pay for a license renewal. One lady moved to Pittsburgh with her two children and didn't have the basics for living. Another lady continually needed to borrow jumper cables and so you helped her with her own. We want to treat each person as Jesus would without judging them. Genuine love is powerful and is changing lives.

In addition to our single moms and widows ~ Sheets and pillows for the low-income were provided by a hotel in Washington, PA, underwear and socks were provided to Pressley Street apartments and to Wellspring Shelter (homeless), frozen soups were on sale at a grocery store so we bought all that they had to give away, a young father with a chronic disease had surgery and was off of work for six weeks. You blessed his family. You have assisted a mom and her son going on a mission's trip to Haiti in April along with small presents and 30 Dress A Girl Around the World dresses to minister to those who live there. A young man wanted to commit suicide. We sent him a note and encouraged him with a grocery card. A family who lost their job, a family whose son committed suicide, a family whose apartment was set on fire while the maintenance men tried to keep the pipes from freezing and many others with complications in their lives have been blessed.

We met a Muslim immigrant man who moved here last summer from Algeria. He was referred to us because he needed assistance with furniture for his apartment. What an adventure this has been! We have been engaging in vibrant conversations about Jesus Christ and Allah! After several conversations, he asked if we could get him a French bible because he can't read English very well. You bought him the bible he requested! We are also ministering to a Muslim woman in Prospect Park whose husband ran off with another Muslim woman. Please pray that Jesus Christ will reveal himself to these precious souls. Could it be possible that these individuals were ordained to come to America to meet their Savior, Jesus Christ, who is the truth (John 14:6)?

Keep pressing on. May your love for Jesus Christ continue to increase, and may you find yourself standing firm in these days of increased darkness and wickedness. To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy ~ to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. (Jude 24-25).

Because Jesus cares, gives and lives,

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